

Looking for Two Battles

Expected That Buller and Methuen Will Strike at the Same Time.

Boer Scheme to Surprise British at Close Range--Scott Turner's Gallant End.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 8--5 a.m.--Gen. Buller's arrival at Frere is held to indicate that all the preparations for an advance to the relief of Ladysmith are complete and that stirring news will soon be received.

The fact that Lord Methuen is announced as resuming his command at almost the same moment is interpreted in some quarters to mean that battles will be fought simultaneously in Natal and Spytfontein. It appears doubtful, however, whether Gen. Methuen's force is yet ready for what will evidently be a heavy encounter. The construction of the temporary bridge across Modder river has entailed enormous labor and even now the structure is liable to be washed away should a heavy storm come.

Gen. Methuen has been expected to move his camp a mile in consequence of the unsanitary state of the stream, due to the presence of the bodies of dead Boers. As the railway bridge was completely destroyed, he has been compelled to leave a considerable force to protect his communications.

A special correspondent sends the interesting information regarding Boer tactics that Commandant Gen. Joubert has given orders to reserve fire until the British are within the close range of 400 yards. At the Modder river battle the Free State burghers became nervous and opened fire prematurely, thus revealing their position, frustrating the Boers' plans.

The Morning Post publishes an article warning the British public that "the disillusionment already experienced respecting the Boer forces in Natal is likely to be repeated on the western border. It says that men are wanted everywhere, and asks why the splendid body of 20,000 of the Royal Marines is now employed in sweeping floors and washing paint in England and is not sent out to handle the naval guns instead of the hurriedly trained men, unfamiliar with these weapons, who have gone."

The government has decided to despatch to South Africa at the earliest possible moment a cavalry brigade of about 4,000 men.

HOW SCOTT-TURNER DIED.

London, Dec. 8--A special despatch from Kimberley, dated November 29, says:

"As a result of the signals for relief from the south and of certain movements on the part of the Boers, Col. Kekewich determined to make a sortie with a view of keeping a large force of Boers employed here."

"Yesterday afternoon a portion of the garrison, with artillery under Major Channer, and mounted troops under Major Scott-Turner, advanced southwest toward the Boer positions and captured Carters Farm, which completed the line it was intended to hold in view of Lord Methuen's early approach.

"Major Scott-Turner then turned his attention to the Boer's laager, which he captured in fine style, in spite of the enemy's heavy fire. All the camp equipment was captured or destroyed. Finally the British stormed the ridge and captured their redoubts, after severe fighting.

"In leading the men, who were storming the fourth redoubt, Major Scott-Turner and Lieut. Wright were killed. It is alleged they were struck by explosive bullets. The death of Major Scott-Turner compelled the British to retire upon Carters Farm, the whole affair having lasted four hours.

THE BOER DREAM.

London, Dec. 8--Baron Loeb, former governor of Cape Colony and British high commissioner for South Africa, lectured to London last evening regarding his experiences with President Kruger. He said the remarks of the Transvaal President years ago showed that he contemplated just the state of affairs which has now arisen. Mr. Kruger even expressed a desire to have a seaport and said the Transvaal hoped to have a navy some day.

The Times, commenting upon Lord Loeb's reminiscences, says that they prove up to the tilt the Dutch ambition for Dutch supremacy in South Africa.

CONDITIONS AT KIMBERLEY.

Town Provisioned for Thirty Days--Feared British Defeat Night of Modder River.

Modder River, Monday, Dec. 4--A searchlight message from Col. Kekewich at Kimberley says the town is provisioned for thirty days with forage for thirty days, and has a plentiful water supply.

London, Dec. 8--The Daily Mail publishes a despatch from Capt. Ralph at Modder River, who says: "The Kimberley people are troubled by the necessity of feeding 1,000 Boers in the Diamond mines whom the Boers refuse to allow to depart, and who, should they fail to get enough meat, would become restless."

"On the night of the battle at Modder River, Kimberley, missing the accustomed signals from here, was in great anxiety, fearing that we had been defeated. The fact was that we did not use our searchlight for fear the Boer guns would wreck the apparatus."

"Five hundred and thirty British were killed and wounded in the battle here. That number has already been accounted for and the enemy's losses were probably much heavier."

GIRLS CAUGHT IN FIRE.

Panics in Pennsylvania Hosiery Factory--Two Dead and Fifty-seven in Hospital.

Reading, Pa., Dec. 7--One of the most disastrous fires which has occurred here in years broke out to-day in Nold & Horst's hosiery factory, and before the flames could be extinguished the plant was completely destroyed. It was valued at \$250,000; insurance, \$150,000.

There were about 600 girls employed. As the fire spread with alarming rapidity the girls were thrown into a general panic, and many jumped to the ground, and it is believed at least 50 were injured. Some are reported to be in a critical condition. It was also reported some were missing, but from best information obtainable no lives were lost.

At 4:30 p.m. several bodies were recovered from the ruins. There were unrecognizable, being burned to a crisp.

At the late hour to-night it was said that the dead would number only two, but that the injured list was very large. So far 57 have been located in the hospitals, over 40 of the cases being considered serious.

8-Hour Folly In Slocan.

Business Men Paying Dearly for Paid Agitators' Influence With the Government.

Miners Chafing at Compulsory Idleness--Non-Union Men Operating the Payne.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Dec. 7--Mr. R. Mason Smith, of Winnipeg, director of the Lost Mountain group of mines in the Duncan-Larder district, arrived from that section to-day. Mr. Smith was one of the delegates to the government to represent the injurious effect of the eight-hour law. He say of Sandon: "Because of the eight-hour law, the mines are shut down, the merchants are howling blue ruin and the camps are dead. When union men are around the merchants try to smile and say 'We hope for better times;' when the unionists are not near they say bitter things. There are some few foreigners hanging around but no miners; they have left in disgust. The Lost Mountain Company are working non-union men, who laugh at the eight-hour law. They would, in fact, rather work than loaf around from 4 to 6."

"In a struggling mine with one shift a day the eight-hour system is simply absurd. The larger mines would have been willing to discuss the matter with the government, and for the difference of 50 cents a day would not have objected, but to have their opinions ridden over roughshod, without being considered, and to be dictated to by unions as at present, is simply intolerable. It is the compulsory clause that makes every miner owner and a great many mine workers indignant. The miners want to work for 10 hours and get their \$3.50, but the must not."

"The Payne people are working 50 non-union men now. They keep arriving in groups. Some are sent away by the union; others go into the tunnels, and the number is increasing."

"The paid agitators are to blame for this distressing state of affairs. The miners are either opposed to the law or indifferent, but they are temporarily excited to action by their salaried leaders and the government will certainly be defeated on this issue if the Kootenays have anything to say about it. The feeling against the government all through West Kootenay is very strong."

THE LOST CONSUL.

Washington Unable to Get Word From Their Mr. Macrae at Pretoria.

Washington, Dec. 7--Since the notice received about two weeks ago of the objection by the Boer government to the attempt of United States Consul Macrae at Pretoria to disburse certain sums of money provided by the British government to afford the British prisoners there with small necessities and luxuries during their confinement, the state department has heard nothing on this subject. On being informed of the objection the department instructed Mr. Macrae to protest against it, but it is not known how he has acted since then. In fact, the department has been unable to obtain an answer from any of its communications of recent date, and it does not know even if he has received notice granting his leave of absence.

TOLSTOI VERY ILL.

London, Dec. 6--A special despatch from Berlin says that Count Tolstoi has been seriously ill. For two days he was unconscious, but now is slightly better, although great anxiety is still manifested in Moscow regarding him.

STEAMER IN PERIL.

London, Dec. 6--The British steamer Carter, Capt. Jones, from New York, is ashore at Craster, south of the river Tweed, and will probably become a total wreck. No lives were lost.

AT ALL BARS AND RESTAURANTS

MARTELL'S

THREE STAR
BRANDY.

OF ALL WINE AND
SPIRIT MERCHANTS

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Vancouver's News Budget.

Canners Expect to Agree Upon Scheme for Protecting B. C. Interests.

One Test Case Out of Gambling Arrests--U.S. Consul on Concert Courtesies.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Dec. 7--The Colonist correspondent secured authentic news to-day to the effect that the canners had at last appointed a committee who were quietly working to effect an adjustment of all differences and bring about a satisfactory pooling of interests, taking in all the canneries of British Columbia. Several canners in Vancouver say that they now believe the British Columbia combine will be effected soon. The fear of creating unnecessary alarm among the fishermen prevented further details being secured. It is a vital matter for the industry, as the effect of the Sound combine and the strict regulations are too big a handicap to carry for another season. The offer of Mr. McGovern to introduce American capital would have gone through if it had been presented in a practical form but it was too one-sided and no compromise suggestions were listened to, the New York people appearing to think that another year of canning under such adverse circumstances would make British Columbia canneries more eager to accept their terms.

STAGE ROBBER'S CASE.

American Consul Dudley said to the Colonist correspondent to-day that in the case of Everett's alleged to have been kidnapped into Canada from the States, his own report went forward to the department at Washington to-day and that of Governor Rogers of Washington state several days ago. The British ambassador at Washington had been notified and it remained now for the department to report. Col. Dudley thought it premature to express his opinion for publication.

CARD TEST CASE.

The case of Mr. Petri, one of the six charged with playing an illegal game of cards, was to-day sent for trial to a

higher court. Mr. Petri was allowed out on his own recognizance. The other five were liberated. Petri's is to be made a test case.

A CONSUL'S IMPRESSION.

American Consul Dudley has noted the fact that at the Vancouver patriotic concert there was no American national air played or sung. Consul Dudley said he went so far as to suggest the matter to one of the principals. In the United States Col. Dudley affirms that at all concerts of a national character "God Save the Queen" or "Rule Britannia" is played or sung by the performers out of courtesy to any British people who may be present and in honor of Her Majesty the Queen.

LIBERALS WORKING.

Liberal ward committees are working hard preparing for the provincial elections. Since their last meeting they claimed to have placed 296 names on the voters' list.

MACHINERY FOR JAPAN.

Messrs. Letson and Burpee of Vancouver, in contest with numerous American firms have secured the contract for machinery for Japanese canneries. The first order is \$1,000, but will be followed by numerous larger orders.

THE MERCHANTS' EXCURSION.

Towns of the Boundary Making Impressions on Visitors Brought to Them by the Railway.

ITEM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

Greenwood, Dec. 7--The business men's excursion reached Greenwood this evening at 5:30, 200 strong, the Coast contingent having been joined at Robson by 125 from Nelson, Robson and other Kootenay towns.

The run over the Columbia & Western railway was grand, the scenery en route being held to surpass anything elsewhere on the American continent, if not the world. Although the big tunnel is not yet completed, a temporary switchback is used. The track from end to end is in splendid condition, and the service of the C. P. R., even with crowded trains, could not be surpassed.

Officials of the company were untiring in their efforts to entertain the guests, and the people of Greenwood and towns en route gave the visitors aousing reception. To-night the visitors are the guests of the people of Greenwood at a banquet in Barret's hall. The speakers on and all referred with enthusiasm to their treatment by the C. P. R. and the beauty and apparent wealth of the country.

To-morrow they visit Phoenix and then go to Grand Forks for the night. On Saturday they will be at Nelson, where another banquet awaits the party; thence they go to Rossland and home.

The Manitoba Elections.

21 CARRIED BY MACDONALD.

Constituency.	Majority.	Elected.	Defeated.	Result First G.E.-1867
Avondale--1 to come	21	Jas Argue	T. Dickie	
Brandon City	W. S. McInnis	C. Adams	L. Con.	
Carillon--7 to come	51	R. Marion	M. Jerome	
Cypress--4 to come	90	Geo. Steele	A. Dolg	
Emerson--10 to come	62	D. H. McFadden	R. Hamilton	
Kildonan and St. Andrews	O. I. Grain	Hon. F. M. Young	D. F. Reid	
Killarney	Geo. Lawrence	J. L. Brown	L. Lib.	
Manitou	64	R. Rogers	D. M. McMillan	
Morden	241	H. Ruddell	S. Mulvey	
Morris	15	C. H. Campbell	J. G. Barron	
Norfolk--3 to come	20	R. F. Lyons	W. Garland	
Portage la Prairie	30	I. Riley	Hon. R. Watson	
Rockwood--2 to come	9	W. Heeler	S. J. Jackson	
Rosetown	20	A. E. Thompson	E. F. Hutchings	
Souris--4 to come	153	J. Johnston	T. S. Smith	
Springfield	54	Jas. Simpson	W. A. Kennedy	
Turtle Mountain--4 to come	214	R. H. Myers	T. H. Gordon	
Winnipeg North	101	Hon. T. Greenway	W. J. Porter	
Winnipeg South	229	Dr. Neilson	H. A. McLennan	
Woodlands--3 to come	50	Hon. H. J. Macdonald	J. D. Cameron	
	50	R. P. Roblin	A. F. Martin	
	50	Hon. D. H. McMillan	A. J. Andrews	

3 UNDECIDED.

DAUPHIN--Nomination yet to be held.

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SASKATCHEWAN--Polling a tie with one place to hear from.

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Beautiful Plains	11	R. C. Ennis	J. A. Davidson	
Brandon North	F. O. Fowler	T. E. Greenwood		
Brandon South	Hon. C. J. Mickie	W. H. Henderson		
Burke	C. A. Young	W. M. Howard		
Deloraine	15	Jas. McKenzie	E. D. Lynch	
Lansdowne--Incomplete	45	T. C. Norris	A. Fenwick	
La Verendrye	Jas. Ridde	Theo. Parke		
Lorne	214	R. H. Myers		

Soubrettes and High Kicking.

Lottie Williams Salter Tells How It Is Done or Seems to Be.

"Why Smith Left Home" This Evening—Owen Smiley's Entertainment.

Lottie Williams Salter, who comes to the Victoria this evening as a member of the company producing "Why Smith Left Home," is not only a very clever little woman in her chosen profession, with a remarkable versatility and tenacious memory—she is also one who understands admirably the art of keeping herself in the public eye.

Even when she was off the boards this season, and not looking for dates or business, managers had constantly before them a neatly got-up card with the hustling little woman's latest picture and extracts under the caption "How I was talked about by the press of the Maritime provinces, while playing leading soubrette roles with the W. S. Hartling Stock Company."

Since she reached San Francisco with her husband's company, doing Mr. Broadhurst's newest skit, Miss Williams has been constantly praised and pictured. In the Examiner she told (with numerous illustrations) how she had in turn taken each of the female parts in "Why Smith Left Home," and might therefore lay claim to the distinction of being able to play the piece alone. In the Call she had something to say about the rage for "naughtiness" or "Frenchness" in comedy offerings; and in the Chronicle she gave her views on the mysteries of stage dancing.

The graceful Lottie, it is understood, is something of a star in the matter of high kicking and novelty dancing generally. Writing about stage dancing in an easy, chatty way, the merry soubrette says:

"As to high kicking, there is one peculiarity which readers may have noticed. Every high kicker favors one leg. It is usually the left, possibly because nature has made it longer than it ought to be, or it may be due to the fact that mankind, when standing, throws more weight on that leg, thereby making the muscles more pliable and the joints more supple. Now that the French "split" dances have appeared in this country and have elevated both feet until they seem to be trying to reach the skies, the craze, the high-kicking craze, has had another boom. To do that sort of work means a course of practice at once severe and painful.

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SICK HEADACHES.

The curse of overcooked womanhood, are suddenly and surely cured by Karl's Clover Root Tea, the great blood purifier and tissue builder. Money refunded if not satisfactory. Price 25 cts. and 50 cts. All drugs.

LOCAL NEWS.

Board of Union, I.O.O.F.—A meeting of the Board of Union, I.O.O.F., is to be held in the library at Odd Fellows' hall, on Douglas street, to-morrow at 8 p.m.

Annual Dinner.—Arrangements are being made by the S. O. E. B. S. to hold the society's twenty-fifth annual dinner at the Dawson hotel on December 25.

Quartz on Cedar Hill.—J. M. Jones is proceeding with development work on a quartz claim at Cedar Hill, with very gratifying results. The ore goes \$5 to the ton, and as greater depth is obtained much better results are anticipated. Residents of the district are watching with keen interest the development of this property.

Local Council of Women.—Following the custom which has obtained since the formation of the local Council of Women in this city, there will be a service of intercession, with an address by the Bishop, on Saturday morning, in Christ Church cathedral, at 11 o'clock, to seek for the blessing of God upon the annual meeting to be held in the city hall on Monday next.

Junior League Game.—The next match in the Victoria Junior League association football series will be played to-morrow afternoon at Beacon hill between South Park and the Maple Leaves. This is the first meeting of the teams named, and the game will also conclude the first round, so that it may be looked to to furnish an indication of the comparative strength of the rival teams.

West Coast Properties.—A number of known men from Spokane and other points are at present in the city. They are understood to be engaged in an effort to bond or secure working options on as many West Coast properties as possible. A number of big deals are pending, which may mean much for the West Coast, but it is impossible as yet to see details concerning them.

An Attractive Display.—The large salerooms of Mr. Herbert Cuthbert have a reputation for the furnishings usually included in the auction sales held there from time to time, and the sale to be conducted to-day at 2 p.m. will serve to enhance that reputation. It is not often that a person can step off the pavement into a parlor, dining-room and bedroom elegantly furnished all at the same time.

A Musical Treat Assured.—Special preparations are being made by the excellent choir of the First Presbyterian church under Mr. Brown's direction, for their usual December concert, which is this season set for the evening of the 18th. The patriotic cantata "Britannia and Her Daughter," to be given in costume, will constitute the apropo first part; to be followed with a miscellaneous musical programme.

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PURELY PERSONAL.

Brief Mention of Well Known Residents or Guests at City Hotels.

A. M. Ringhan, of Revelstoke, is at the Victoria.

S. S. Taylor, the Nelson barrister, is at the Hotel Dr. Dr.

Dr. Ernest Hall arrived back from Vancouver yesterday evening.

Charles E. Hope and C. H. Bailey, of Vancouver, registered at the Dr. Dr. last evening.

F. B. Pemberton returned last evening from a business trip to the provincial Matlaid.

Thomas Dunn and W. J. Trehaway, of Vancouver, registered at the Hotel Dr. Dr. last evening.

Capt. R. Collister, Inspector of hulls, returned last evening from an official visit to the Matlaid.

Manager Robert Jamieson of the Victoria and Vancouver theatres returned from the Matlaid last night.

Lieut. and Mrs. E. P. Tomkinson were passengers from Vancouver by yesterday evening's steamer.

Dixwell Davenport, Inspector of the Mainland underwriters' board, is visiting the city on official business.

John Robertson, of Vancouver, and W. J. O'Brien, of Kaslo, are among those registered at the Hotel Victoria.

Thomas Bradbury, now claiming Vancouver as his home, was a passenger from the Matlaid by last evening's Charmer.

A. H. Walbridge, representing the National Cash Register Company of Vancouver, registered at the Victoria last evening.

Ald. B. R. Skinner, of Vancouver, is at the Dr. Dr.

F. C. Gainbier and R. Harvey were among the well known Victorians returning from the Terminal City by yesterday's Charmer. Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper arrived home last evening.

P. Wallace, of Portland, is at the Hotel Victoria, on his way North with a first class refrigerating plant, with which he purposes operating extensively in fish during the coming season.

Beware of the dealer who is always recommending something else "just as good" as "SALADA." It is done by him because of the larger profits he gets on the other teas.

Finance and Commerce

STOCKS IN NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 7.—To-day's closing prices were as follows:

Atholian 22 1/4

B. & O. 55 1/2

Can. Pac. 94 1/2

Can. Southern 53 1/2

C. B. & Q. 132 1/2

C. R. I. & P. 100 1/2

D. & R. G. 21 1/2

Nor. Pac. com. 66

Nor. Pac. pfds 76 1/2

N. Y. C. 114 1/2

N. Y. C. 104 1/2

Met. 120 1/2

Mo. Pac. 47 1/2

N. J. C. 118 1/2

N. Y. C. 133 1/2

Nor. Pac. Com. 76 1/2

O. R. & N. 42

So. Pac. 42

U. P. 50 1/2

Adams Express 112

Wells Fargo 120

Am. Cotton Oil 31 1/2

A. S. & W. 45 1/2

Ann. Sugar 132

Nat. Lead 28 1/2

Nat. Steel 42

U. S. Leather 13

U. R. Rubber 47 1/2

Shares and Produce.

Reported by J. G. McMillan.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—The following quotations ruled on the Board of Trade:

Wheat—Open High. Low. Close.

May 68 1/2 70 69 1/2 69 1/2

Corn—Open 32 1/2 32 1/2 32 1/2 32 1/2

May 9.80 9.85 9.80 9.80

Liverpool Wheat—May 58 9/16

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THE MANITOBA ELECTION.

Manitoba has gone Conservative. There are two elections yet to be held, and possibly recounts may change some of the returns, but doubtless Mr. Greenway will accept the undoubted verdict of the people and resign without waiting for recounts or to hold the elections in Dauphin and Gimli.

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Conservatives everywhere will feel immensely gratified at the work done yesterday. It will give them new heart. It will correspondingly depress their opponents, who will not be able to hide from themselves the unmistakable handwriting on the wall. The Conservative party would have been content with what might be called a moral victory; that is, with reducing Greenway's majority to something near the vanishing point, and the manner in which the voters of Manitoba have spoken fills their cup of rejoicing to overflowing.

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THE WAR.

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The news from Ladysmith bears out the idea that the Boer forces are being at least partly withdrawn. Gen. Buller's tactics are well concealed so far as the public know. He has been in touch with the enemy in Natal for about two weeks and has delayed striking. Being in communication with Ladysmith, every night, by means of searchlight signals, he knows that there is no immediate necessity for and advance for the relief of that town. Therefore the presumption is that he is waiting until he has perfected certain plans before engaging the Boer force and attempting to drive it from its position on the Tugela river. Ladysmith was all right up to Wednesday night, and there are reports of a very successful repulse of a Boer assault, followed by the retreat of the latter. The London Stock Exchange had a rumor that Ladysmith had been relieved, but it probably grew out of the reports above referred to, although as we have pointed out, it is quite possible that the enemy may have decided not to make stand against our forces in Natal.

Reports that the Dutch in the north-eastern part of Cape Colony are going over to the enemy are repeated, and in the absence of any success for our arms in that vicinity, may well be true.

Gen. Methuen seems to have a heavy piece of work before him before he disposes of the Boers who are now alleged to be massed at Spytfontein. His troops have rested and been reinforced, and they ought to be able to give an excellent account of themselves. Some of the delay in following up the advantage gained at Modder River was doubtless due to the desire of Methuen to command his force in person. On Wednesday the Canadian regiment was at De Aar, and it will probably be on hand to take part in the fight, if one occurs, at Spytfontein.

THE WEST COAST TELEGRAPH.

The Colonist has been compelled on several occasions to refer to the inadequate telegraph facilities on the West Coast of the Island, and some additional facts and suggestions in connection with it appear elsewhere in to-day's paper. This is a question upon which there can be only one side, and we feel very sure that if the case were properly stated to the Dominion government it would receive attention. Mr. W. W. B. McInnes is the member of the Commons whose special duty it is to make representations on the subject, but he would

undoubtedly find all the other representatives of the province, as well as the senators, join with him in making the necessary representations. With the increasing sea-going traffic of this part of the Continent, it is important that better facilities of communication should be provided with those localities where disasters are likely to occur. The case only needs to be stated to secure support.

A NEEDED PUBLIC WORK.

A much needed public work is a road across Vancouver Island from Quatsino Sound to Hardy Bay. The distance is only ten miles, and several years ago an appropriation was made by the legislature and road was cut through the forest for about four miles of the distance, leaving six miles more to be cut. In addition to cutting away the timber some low places would have to be gravelled, but the material is close at hand. Besides such a highway a wharf ought to be built at Hardy Bay. The wharf cost ought not to exceed \$6,000.

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THE MAIL SERVICE.

If Mr. Mulock, postmaster-general, has any conception of the needs of this province in the way of postal accommodation he has yet to give any evidence of the fact. A more wretched service than the more recently settled parts of the province have to put up with cannot be imagined. To paraphrase his blanket postage stamp, we may say that we have a meaner service than has been. One is inclined to wonder what idea Mr. Mulock has of the people who inhabit our mining camps and the nature of their absolute requirements in the way of postal accommodation. If he understands the matter at all he is grossly negligent of his plain duty, and if he does not understand it he is culpable for not endeavoring to learn. The subject has been brought to our notice by a strong protest in the Phoenix Pioneer in regard to the sort of service which that growing town of 1,000 people has to put up with. It is perhaps not too much to say that a town in British Columbia gets planned streets, electric light and telephone service before it receives a half decent mail service at the hands of Mr. Mulock. Thus in Phoenix the postmaster gets what the Pioneer describes as the colossal salary of \$1,63 a year. We quote our contemporary's suggestion as to how the general service in the Kootenays can be improved:

There is one remedy. A post office inspector should be located at some interior point—say Nelson or Rossland—and not be expected to do all his business from Vancouver. Then he should have control of some emergency fund and be given some discretion in its use. The Kootenays and Yale have grown rapidly and will continue to grow. It apparently takes a long time to appreciate this at Ottawa. The inspectors do the best they can, but they are hampered by a lot of regulations totally inapplicable here.

First let the Laurier government pay reasonably for services performed in the postal department in this section. Then have the district looked after by an official who is not forced to travel 400 miles or more to get on the ground, and give him discretionary powers and the control of an emergency fund. In no other way can the existing deplorable state of things in the postal service in Southern British Columbia be bettered.

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FIFTH REGIMENT BAND.

Among the musical organizations in the city none plays as important a part as the Fifth Regiment band. We all look to it to help out public functions of every kind, but not many people stop to think how it is kept up. In the public mind it is in some way associated with the Drill hall and the militia, and is regarded as something that will continue no matter what happens.

The only remuneration which the bandsmen receive is what they get from their summer engagements and winter band concerts. Out of this they buy their music and meet sundry other expenses. Five concerts have been given this season. The gross receipts were \$157.10, of which \$50.85 went to pay expenses and \$76.25 to pay for music, leaving \$30 to be divided among 22 bandsmen as remuneration for playing at five concerts and practicing twice a week. It goes without saying that the band can hardly be kept together unless the concerts are more liberally patronized.

An efficient band requires a few professional musicians in order to render high-class compositions; but its revenue is not sufficient to pay even one, so the burden of keeping such performers falls on the shoulders of a few. What seems to be necessary is that the public shall more liberally patronize the concerts and that business men shall make an effort to give employment to the professionals. For example, Mr. Finn says he has at present a first-class musician in the band who holds an honorable discharge after 21 years' service in Her Majesty's forces, whom he may lose for lack of employment. A drummer is also needed, but the bandmaster does not feel justified in bringing one here, because he cannot promise him a livelihood.

This matter is well worth consideration. A good band is a very useful and valuable institution in any community. We would all regret it very much if the Fifth Regiment band's efficiency should be in any degree impaired, and the object of this reference is to show how much rests upon the public in this connection. The Colonist has made a practice of each year saying something editorially about our musical organizations. This is the first time we have spoken of the one now under consideration, and we hope the results will be as good as we have been assured they have been in other similar cases.

It will be recalled that when Sir George Turner was defeated in the Victoria legislature last week he resigned office at once. This is the almost invariable practice.

Mr. Semlin has courteously corrected a statement in the Colonist of yesterday. We said that the Beaven government resigned a few days before the session, whereas it was defeated on the first day of the session. We were misled by what is evidently a typographical error in a Parliamentary Companion.

Odd things happen in war. Thus a force of Carabiners had a lively brush with the Boers near Ladysmith. They had to gallop a thousand yards in an open place in the zone of fire, and the bullets whizzed around them like hail, or, as one of them phrases it, like bees, yet, strange to say, the only casualty was a slight flesh wound to Spencer from a spent bullet.

The Chicago Tribune accuses the Mail and Empire of stealing its special London cables containing the news and editorial opinion of the London Times.

To this the Toronto paper replies that it has a right to the despatches which it receives daily and pays for. The Mail and Empire denies the claim of any paper, either in the United States or Canada, to the exclusive right of publishing the Times' despatches. The claim of the Tribune is ridiculous on its face.

PRESS OPINION.

"Col. Otter's advance on Pretoria" will perhaps be among the headlines of the near future.—Mail and Empire.

Not only Victoria, but the whole province will be glad to see prosperity wait upon the mining industry of the Island. It is emphatically a case of the "more the merrier."—The Province.

Mr. Russell Sage, of New York, who is worth in the vicinity of \$60,000,000, has just bought a new suit of ready-made clothes for which he paid \$6,50. That shows how Mr. Sage made his \$60,000,000.—Montreal Herald.

CHAMBERLAIN'S UNDERSTANDING.

The fact is that the combination that can be formed among the European powers at any moment depends entirely upon the interests of each. It is folly to talk of all the others combining against any one, for that would fatally disturb the balance of power; and there would always be some whose interest would forbid this. Germany simply could not afford to see Britain crushed, neither could the United States, and this is the basic fact which best supports Mr. Chamberlain's "understanding." Of all the powers, Britain is in the best position to face a hostile combination, single-handed.—Montreal Gazette.

COMING EVENTS.

The signs of an early appeal to the people by both the Dominion and Provincial governments are numerous, among them being the hiving of followers of the old political parties by local ward heelers. Grits who haven't been on speaking terms for years are now seen daily together. Tories are brushing up Grit records and talking of Liberal disloyalty. Prominent politicians, if we may use the term, for many of the local ward heelers are self-confessed "prominent" men in the party to which they belong, are more affable to the working man than they have been for some time. These are signs which usually foretell a general election to be near.—Phoenix News.

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authority of Great Britain. This would be similar to the federation that has recently been formed in Australia. The absorption of Schleswig-Holstein by Prussia, and of Alsace-Lorraine by Germany, were cases of absolute absorption—the identity of the provinces was wholly lost. This was the fact also with regard to Russia in its successive advances in Central Asia, and to France in its conquests of Madagascar, Algeria and Tonquin. The English nation has learned that the permanence of colonial possessions depends upon granting them a certain degree of autonomy. The British colonies to-day are proving themselves most loyal because Great Britain has adopted a most liberal policy towards them. Under British rule the federated republics of South Africa will realize a degree of prosperity that has been unknown to them heretofore.—San Francisco Argonaut.

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10:30 a.m. 9.6 feet.	10:45 a.m. 9.4 feet
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Information Expected.—City Inspector Eaton is expecting detailed information very shortly from Professor Robertson, with regard to Sir William Macdonald's scheme of industrial education, and also with regard to what will be required of the province and city in taking advantage of Sir William's munificent offer.

A Valuable Opinion.—B. Gallagher, mining engineer, representing wealthy Montana copper capitalists, returned from Alberni by yesterday's train, accompanied by Col. G. H. Hays. Mr. Gallagher during the summer visited the various mineral deposits of the Island, and yesterday said that he is most favorably impressed with their extent and value, and believes that there is every prospect that Vancouver Island ores will be extensively worked with profit. He leaves by the Sound steamer this morning for home.

McCord's Close Call.—In connection with the recent visit of the little sloop-yacht Xena to Coco Island, Mr. J. C. Voss, who has just returned to Victoria, gives particulars of an adventure that occasioned Captain Percy McCord the scare of his life, and came within an ace of ending his existence there and then. McCord, in company with a son of Captain Gissler who resides on the island, lost themselves in the forest while hunting wild pigs. They were searched for when their long absence had begun to occasion alarm, and were ultimately found in an utterly exhausted condition, after they had lain down to die.

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Boys at Football.—A friendly game of football was played yesterday afternoon between the Second Victoria company, Boys' Brigade, and Laing's Collegiate school on the latter's grounds, Cook street, resulting in a win for the first

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WINNINGHAM-MURRANT.

St. James' Church Witnesses a Pretty Evening Wedding.

At St. James' church, James Bay, last evening the Rector, Rev. Mr. Sweet, performed the ceremony that made Miss Lucy Murrant, eldest daughter of Mrs. J. S. Murrant, the bride of Mr. Joseph D. Winningham, of Seattle. The bride's gown was of white silk, trimmed with the significant orange blossoms, while her attendant friends, Miss Alice Allan and Miss Mary Murrant, were attired respectively in cream silk and white lawn. The brother of the bride, Mr. Richard Murrant, gave the young lady away; while the groom was supported by Mr. William Peden. The groom's souvenir gifts to the bridesmaids were pretty brooches, the one of pearls and the other of pearls and opals. At a reception following the church ceremony, and held at the home of the bride's mother, 17 Pioneer street, Mr. and Mrs. Winningham received the congratulations of a select company of twenty-five most intimate friends. They are taking up their residence at 64 View street.

Among the many presents received by the bride and groom were the following: Mr. and Mrs. Burrows, tray, tray cloth and fruit dish; Mr. and Mrs. Firth, silver tray and lemonade set; Mr. and Mrs. Davis, heart rug; Mr. and Mrs. Adams, tray and tea set; Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, fancy fruit dishes; Mr. and Mrs. Watson, glass centre piece; Mr. and Mrs. Osborne, pair of vases; Mr. and Mrs. Ward, card receiver; Mr. and Mrs. Hick, fruit bowl; Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins, card receiver; Mr. G. Porter, two large steel engravings; Mr. W. Peden, silver spoons; Mrs. Murrant and daughter, afternoon tea service; Miss Wilmar, table set; Miss Alice Allan, fruit basket; Miss Parr, one dozen serviettes; and Mr. R. Murrant, centre lamp.

Prospects of a Busy Spring.—A good spring trade is anticipated in view of the expected rush of miners to Cape Nome, many of whom will pass through Victoria and purchase supplies here, the superiority of the goods dealt in by Victorian merchants being now well known to American miners.

Not Piercy & Co.'s.—The Colonist had a paragraph about an artistic calendar with Piercy & Co.'s name on it. Some people thought it referred to Piercy & Co.'s very handsome presentation engraving, but it did not. The reference was to a calendar which this office is issuing.

Christmas Trade First Class.—Preparations for the approaching holiday trade are advancing apace among local shopkeepers. Large stocks of Christmas holiday goods are arriving daily and being placed on view, and a more than usually profitable trade is anticipated this year.

Correction.—A slight error was made in dealing with the aspirants for the position of chief of police in yesterday's Colonist. Instead of alluding to Piercy & Co.'s very handsome presentation engraving, it should have read R. A. Humphrey, who wishes it stated that he has not yet made application for the post.

Christmas Donations.—The chairman of the special committee for receiving and distributing Christmas donations in behalf of the Friendly Help Society requests the ladies of that committee to meet at the close of the Women's Council session on Monday afternoon at the city hall for the purpose of discussing all arrangements.

W. C. T. U. Meeting.—The ladies of the local W. C. T. U. held one of their regular meetings yesterday afternoon in the Rescue Home, an address by Mrs. Spain being the feature of the proceedings. All tenders for the purchase of the Home property are required to be submitted not later than to-morrow, to Mr. H. C. Hall.

Mr. Peter's Funeral.—The funeral of the late Henry Thomas Peter took place yesterday from the residence of Mr. R. Hampton, Third street, the remains being laid at rest in Cedar Hill cemetery. Rev. Thomas Grundy officiated at the house and grave side, and those acting as pall-bearers were Messrs. Davidson, Glover, Reid, Tway, W. G. Anderson and J. H. Meldrum.

Home Nursing Society.—The annual meeting of the Victoria Home Nursing Society was held in the city hall yesterday morning, when Mrs. D. W. Higgins was re-elected president, Mrs. A. J. C. Galletly vice-president, and Miss Perrin secretary-treasurer. The reports of the year were submitted and showed that the trained nurse in the society's employ to go among the sick had attended on over 400 cases and had made 600 calls during the year.

He Fell Among Friends.—At a time when the police force comes for a certain amount of unfavorable comment, it is pleasing to record an incident transpiring yesterday which reflects credit on the department. Patrick Burke, a fireman employed on one of the steamers running out of Seattle, arrived in Victoria a few days ago on his way to San Francisco. Missing the steamer, Burke proceeded to try the process of keeping his spirits up by pouring spirits down, and was picked up about 3 o'clock yesterday morning on Government street to be given at the Assembly rooms under the auspices of the firemen.

Pioneers Dine This Evening.—The large dining room of the Dominion hotel will this evening be the scene of the annual banquet of British Columbia pioneers, a notable body of remarkable men whose individuality has left its impress on the history of the province. The present year banquet promises to be one of the memorable gatherings of the society.

St. John's Recital.—At the second of the Advent series of organ recitals to be given on Sunday next after evensong Mr. Longfield will be assisted by the following vocalists: The Misses Largin, Miss Schwangers and Mr. A. T. Goward, and also by Mr. Jesse Longfield (solo violin).

A Christmas Dance.—The members of the YM. L. and Y. L. I. have decided to join hands in the Christmas entertainment of their friends, at a dance on the evening of the 27th instant. The preparations are in the hands of an energetic joint committee. Another social event in contemplation for the first week of the new year is a fancy dress ball, to be given at the Assembly rooms under the auspices of the firemen.

Marriage Law Amendment.—It will be noted from the report published yesterday of the recent meeting of the Victoria presbytery that a committee has been appointed by that body to urge forward amendments to the existing legislation respecting the protection of children, temperance reform and the sanctity of marriage. This committee is to co-operate with similar committees appointed by the various other church bodies and with a general committee representative of the Ministerial Association. The matter of securing reforms in the marriage laws is one that is receiving especial attention, not only from the Presbyterian body, but from the majority of the other Protestant churches. The Anglican synod having first taken up the subject. It is particularly desired that the law be so changed as to increase the difficulties of securing

the Century Fund Scheme.—At the recent meeting of the Presbytery of Victoria, held in Wellington, special consideration was given to the million dollar century fund scheme of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church in Canada, and the necessary arrangements were made for the systematic and vigorous prosecution of the scheme in all the congregations and mission fields of the presbytery. Messrs. B. D. McLaren of Vancouver, and W. Leslie Clay, of Victoria, are convener and vice-convener for the synod of British Columbia. About \$75,000 of the \$100,000 expected from the ministers of the church has already been subscribed, by a few more than half of the ministers of the church, which of itself augurs well for the complete success of the scheme. Contributions at the option of the subscribers are applied to the reduction or extinction of debts on church buildings or to the missionary or benevolent schemes of the church. Rev. E. D. McLaren, of Vancouver, addressed the congregation of St. Paul's, West Victoria, last evening, and will address a union meeting of Knox church and St. Columba's this evening, speaking to the congregations of the First church, St. Andrew's and St. Alanson's, Cedar Hill, next Sabbath, all in the interest of the scheme.

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Schooner

Rattler Too.

San Francisco Vessel From Kadiak Included in the Overdue List.

Inner Harbor to be Dredged At Request of the Board of Trade.

Among the overdue vessels, for which keen anxiety is felt, is included the two-masted schooner Rattler, now over fifty days out from Kadiak, Alaska. "The vessel left the Alaskan port on October 10, and has not been heard from since," says the San Francisco Examiner. "Four days later the schooner Herman sailed from the same port and arrived here nearly a month ago. The Rattler is a fast sailing craft and has the reputation of being as staunch a little craft as there is afloat. When she left Kadiak she was in ballast, and this fact would be against her in a storm, as she was high out of the water. The Herman encountered a severe storm off the southeast coast of Alaska which came very near ending her career. Her life-boats were smashed and heavy seas washed completely over her. She was compelled to lay to for forty-eight hours, and even during that time she was in constant jeopardy. Capt. Thunell of the Herman says that he caught the last of the storm. The course of the Rattler was the same as that of his vessel, and if she got into the centre of such a hurricane there is small hope for her. The North American Commercial Company, owners of the overdue craft, profess to still have hope for her safety, and they clutch at straws to support their hope. But as the days go by the wise one shake their heads sorrowfully and say that nothing short of a miracle could bring the vessel into port. If she were still afloat and disabled, they argue, some passing ship must have seen her. But not a word comes from the sea, and the fears gain ground that the legend 'overdue' must soon give way to that of 'missing' at Lloyds."

IMPROVING THE CHANNEL.

Surveys and Dredging Ordered in Compliance With Board of Trade Request.

The work of surveying and sounding in the inner harbor which has been in progress during the past two or three days, under the direction of Mr. C. C. Worsfold of the Dominion public works office at Westminster, is in direct and prompt compliance with a recent request of the Board of Trade, who had by resolution asked that the channel be accurately surveyed and charted from Laurel point, along the water front, as far as the Sayward mills. The reply of the minister of marine was an immediate acquiescence, and the promise is also contained in a letter in the hands of Secretary F. Elworthy that the dredge will be sent over as soon as the survey is

completed, to clear the channel and wharf approaches of their accumulation of silt.

NAME TICKETS IN DEMAND.
Both Alpha and Amur to Have Full Passenger Lists—Improvements Under Way.

Since the announcement that the steamers Alpha and Amur would sail in the early spring for Cape Nome, the agents of the companies operating those vessels have been besieged with applications for passage, and it is stated that the berthing accommodation of the two vessels has already been secured. Messrs. Muirhead & Mann have been awarded the contract for the construction of the new cabin and deck house improvements to be made by the C. P. N. C. on the Amur, prior to the departure of that vessel. Messrs. Muirhead & Mann state that the work will be commenced immediately and rushed to completion at the earliest possible moment.

THE LIBERTAD'S CREW.

Captain and Two Officers Sent for by Peruvian Consul at Vancouver.

Richard Alexander, Peruvian consul at Vancouver, is arranging for the transportation back of the shipwrecked Libertad crew to Callao. The captain of the abandoned craft went up to Vancouver on Wednesday night, and last evening, in response to a telegram from Mr. Alexander, the mate and second mate left for the Mainland. This telegram was to Manager Lawrence, of the Queen's hotel, which read: "Send up to Vancouver to-night Juan Bozzo and Teodoro Ramon, of Libertad, and charge the same to me." No explanation was given, and it is supposed that Bozzo and Ramon are wanted simply to substantiate the captain's statement.

WATER FRONT BREVITIES.

Notes of Interest Respecting Local Shipping—Vessels to Arrive and Sail.

Steamer Walla Walla is due from San Francisco to-morrow.

Steamer Idzumi Maru is due from China and Japan on the 20th instant.

Steamer Warrimoo sails for Honolulu and Australian ports on December 15.

Steamer Queen sails for San Francisco December 10.

Steamer Cottage City is due from Alaska.

The N. P. steamer Energia is due from the Orient.

Steamer Boscowitz is due from Northern British Columbia ports.

Steamer Queen City is due from the coast on December 10.

Tenders are being invited by Mr. A. L. Belyea, solicitor for the vendors until noon of the 20th for the purchase of the steamer Reindeer, as she now lies in winter quarters above Five Fingers. The vessel was built and registered at Victoria last year.

Steamer Wilma is due from Northern British Columbia ports on December 10.

Steamer Tees sails for Skagway on December 13. She returned yesterday from Steveston, where she had landed her Northern salmon cargo.

Schooners Arietta, Capt. Wm. Henter; Viva, Captain D. McPhee, and Otto, Captain G. F. Goss, cleared yesterday on southern sealing voyages. Each carries a large Indian crew.

The Northern Pacific steamer Benecshire left Tacoma last night and will arrive early this morning. She will take a number of passengers at Victoria but no freight.

Tug Lorne towed the bark Edward

May from Departure Bay to Oyster Bay yesterday where the deep water vessel is to complete her cargo for Honolulu. The Lorne's next tow was that of the Charles D. Kenny between the same two points.

Bark Theobald was entered yesterday from Honolulu. She has been waiting for several days to go on the ways at Esquimalt, which the Highland Light will vacate to-day. The latter will proceed to Departure Bay from here.

Tug Pilot is blowing down her boilers. She will tow the dismantled bark Colorado North again as soon as the latter has finished discharging her cargo of concentrates at Tacoma.

The American bark Kate S. Troop has finished loading her lumber cargo at the Hastings mill and to-day tows to Port Townsend to receive a crew.

HOLY SAVIOUR'S REOPENING.

Dedication Services by the Bishop of Columbia—Victoria West Enterprise.

Last evening Holy Saviour's church, Victoria West, was reopened and dedicated by the Bishop of Columbia, assisted by eleven clergy of the diocese. The service was full choral, the rector taking the prayers, Canon Beanlands the lessons and Archdeacon Scriver preaching. The solemn act of the dedication was performed by the Bishop. The choir, under the leadership of C. W. Jenkins, assisted by Mr. Hitt, with the cornet, and Miss Saunders, organist, rendered the musical programme in a highly efficient manner.

The addition to the church, which takes the form of a transept and adjacent aisles, was necessitated chiefly by the increase in the attendance of members of the military force stationed at Point Point barracks, the rector of Holy Saviour's being officiating chaplain to the troops in Victoria. The seating capacity of the church has been nearly doubled. The whole of the wood work is of the best quality of British Columbian wood, a special feature between the transept and nave and the simple though effective treatment of the arcades. The new windows are filled with cathedral rolled glass of a subdued tint, and the southern gable is crowned with a bell tower of considerable elevation and bold outline. The school room had to be removed to the southwest of the church to make room for the addition. The a's between the seats have been widened. Although it is only two months since the addition was decided upon, the parishioners and other friends responded so liberally that the appeal for funds that the original contract price was almost raised in time for the opening last evening.

Special praise for the success of the undertaking is due to the members of the building committee, the rector, Messrs. Price, Flinnmore and Penwill, and the general committee, consisting of Sir Henry Creuse, Hon. P. O'Reilly, Capt. Gaudin, Beaumont, Boggs, H. Bracken, P. R. Brown, E. J. Eyres, C. W. Jenkins, H. C. Martin, J. Mitchell, C. T. Penwill, R. J. Russell, S. Shore and C. B. Wilson.

THE DIFFERENCE.

Maj. North—"I understand that you were raised in Kentucky, sir."

Col. South—"Ah wasn't raised, suh."

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"Jimmy Roche" To Visit Victoria

The Irish Conservative-Nationalist Expected During the Next Few Days.

Something About a Curious Domestic Tangle—Imperial Affairs Discussed.

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Hon. James Boothby Burke Roche, member in the Imperial parliament for a constituency in Kerry, Ireland, is expected here in the course of the next few days from San Francisco, where he has been spending some little time. He is an Irish Nationalist member, or as he terms himself a "Conservative-Nationalist"—which is to be interpreted as meaning that while he is a staunch advocate of Home Rule, he does not feel prompted by his conscience to support the cause of England's enemies.

To quote the Examiner of a recent date, "Mr. Roche, when he was much younger than he is now married the daughter of Mr. Frank Work, of New York, Mr. Work being a millionaire several times over with a taste for good horses. His daughter was considered one of the most beautiful girls in New York when she became the wife of Mr. Roche. The union was not a happy one. Roche was an aristocratic Democrat, and Mrs. Roche was a Democratic aristocrat—or at least she thought she was."

After a couple of years of bickering Mrs. Roche returned to the United States and brought suit for divorce in Delaware. Ex-Secretary of State, ex-Senator, and ex-several-other-things Bayard, was her attorney. She got a divorce and with it the possession of her children. She has three children, the oldest a girl now fifteen, and two boys, twins. The first of these boys to appear, the one who had the blue ribbon put around his arm, will be the future Lord Fermoy if he outlives his father. He is now at private school in Connecticut.

"Mr. Roche did not recognize as legal the divorce obtained by his wife. When he was nominated by the Tim Healey wing of the Irish Nationalists for a seat in Parliament for Kerry four or five years ago, his enemies and opponents raised the issue that he was a divorced man. This, in a strictly Catholic constituency, would invariably prove fatal. Roche denied the divorce, and sued for libel the publisher of 'Burke's Peerage' that stated in his pedigree that he had been divorced. The libel suit was tried, and the Irish Supreme court held that the divorce granted to Mrs. Roche by the state of Delaware was not legal in Great Britain.

"This put Mrs. Roche in an anomalous position. She is one of the undisputed leaders of the New York Four Hundred. She calls herself Mrs. Burke-Roche, always with the hyphen. Mr. Roche says that is not her name. He says his name is plain Roche and that he was named James Boothby Burke after one of his father's friends. Mrs. Roche, however, thinks that the hyphen gives her distinction in New York and Newport. When Lord Fermoy dies, and he has been an invalid for ten years and is liable to cross, the divide any day, Mrs.

Roche will be the terror of thousands of young mothers because its outbreak is so agonizing and frequently fatal. Shiloh's Cough and Consumption Cure acts like magic in cases of Croup. It has never been known to fail. The worst cases relieved immediately. Price 25 cts., 50 cts. and \$1.00. All druggists.

Work-Burke-Roche will be in a more embarrassing situation still. The courts of Great Britain will recognize her as Lady Fermoy. Her oldest son will be the heir to the title and vast estates of the family, yet, according to her own contention, supported by the courts of Delaware, she will be merely Mrs. Burke-Roche.

Conversing with a reporter of the Examiner, Mr. Roche said: "There cannot be any trouble with the United States and Great Britain. The Dominion government is incurring a penalty of \$250 a day for delaying the steamer Montauk, which is loading hay at that port for South Africa, the facts would probably never have been made public of a transaction which redounds to the credit of a Canadian public officer, and will doubtless insure to me the right to create and formulate my own views."

"In time the boundary question will be settled satisfactorily to all concerned. I am not a stickler. I have some extensive mining interests in the Klondike region and I would just as soon that my property should be under the jurisdiction of the United States as of Great Britain. "We are apt to have some set-backs in South Africa, but they will not last. We will whip the Boers, and our control of the territory will be in the interest of civilization. We all feel more or less nervous at the present time. I, for instance, have two nephews and three first cousins in the army in South Africa and another at Kimberley.

"There is no danger that the European powers will intervene. They all have troubles of their own and will not be disposed to bother us. I do not think that our people contemplate the abolition of the Transvaal Republic; but we surely shall extort a more definite and more satisfactory understanding and will insist that Britons residing in the Transvaal shall be put on an equality with those of Dutch descent.

"It is my impression that if the government of the United States was eager and in earnest it would eventually compel the government of Great Britain to take up and consider favorably the question of bi-metalism. Mr. Arthur Balfour, the government leader in the House of Commons, is a strong bi-metalist. So are most of the country gentlemen representing agricultural interests in parliament from England, Ireland and Scotland. The Irish Nationalists, to which party I belong, are almost a unit in favor of the restoration of silver as money. Archbishop Welch of Dublin, one of the ablest men in Great Britain, shares with Mr. Balfour the leadership of the bi-metallic forces in the Empire.

"No, Home Rule for Ireland is not dead, nor sleeping, nor dreaming. It is bound to come. It may take some time, but it is inevitable. We have no great leader now, although we have plenty of conspicuous ability. Some day some man modelled on the lines of Parnell will spring up and then will come the finish. There never can be a consolidated British Empire until an Irish parliament is established in Dublin."

SIX ROUNDS SETTLED IT.

New York, Dec. 5.—"Bob" Dobbs, late of England and formerly of Minneapolis, was knocked out by Joe Walcott to-night at the Broadway Athletic Club, in the sixth round of what was to have been a twenty-five round go.

YOUNG MOTHERS.

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THE BOSTON HAY STORY.

How the Favored Foreign Contractor Abused the Confidence of the Canadian Government.

From the Ottawa Citizen.

Had it not been that the story was telegraphed from Boston that the Dominion government is incurring a penalty of \$250 a day for delaying the steamer Montauk, which is loading hay at that port for South Africa, the facts would probably never have been made public of a transaction which redounds to the credit of a Canadian public officer, and will doubtless insure to me the right to create and formulate my own views."

When Prof. Robertson arrived in Boston the other day to inspect, on behalf of the British war office, the cargo of Canadian hay being loaded on the Montauk, he found a lot of decidedly inferior stuff being pressed for shipment. This he at once rejected. Contractor Bickingtondale, however, who had a corner on all the available Canadian hay, or thought he had, insisted on the stock being put on board just as he pleased to offer it, and took what he considered ample precautions to further secure his claim on the available supply. But the Canadian commissioner of agriculture for all his plaudits, was a bad man to run up against a cold bluff of this sort. He knew that if many of the bales put up by the contractor were allowed to go forward, a scandal would result that would forever ruin the reputation of Canadian hay in a very promising market. He was not going to have musty fodder labeled "Canadian hay" foisted on the army if he could help it. Fortunately there were several hundred tons of prime Canadian hay in New York subject to his disposal, and a despatch Washington secured, in a few hours, official permission to have it shipped "in bond." Next he set about obtaining use of the patent hay-pressing device by which the fodder is compressed into about one-third the ordinary bulk. A wire to the owners in New York fixed that all right and the jaunty contractor reached the dock next morning to find that his paraphernalia had been cleared off the wharf overnight and the process of pressing prime hay and loading it on the steamer was going merrily.

These facts Prof. Robertson communicated to the Imperial authorities, and yesterday received in reply a cablegram from the war office expressing entire satisfaction with what had been done, and assuring him that Her Majesty's government would cheerfully pay the demurrage incurred, so far as the contractor had to go forward. Then the contractor wilted. He would agree to any terms of compromise the commissioner could reasonably impose, and offered it is further said, to furnish affidavit that the hay Prof. Robertson had rejected was as good as, if not better than, much that had already been shipped and passed by the British authorities. Nothing moved by this appeal, the commissioner re-affirmed his determination to take only prime standard hay, but such as the contractor had to go forward he agreed to accept.

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Prof. Robertson will arrive in Boston to-day to inspect the balance of the cargo of 2,500 tons which the Montauk is to carry to Capetown, and notwithstanding the delay in loading it, it is believed the hay will reach its destination by the 1st of January.

city forward under the commissioner's personal supervision. The contractor played his last card by threatening Prof. Robertson with the displeasure of the Imperial war office at the delay thus incurred and demanding a demurrage charge of \$250 a day. The commissioner was firm. He would take all chances, be it ever so great, but he would not allow one iota of inferior stuff to go forward. Then the contractor wilted. He would agree to any terms of compromise the commissioner could reasonably impose, and offered it is further said, to furnish affidavit that the hay Prof. Robertson had rejected was as good as, if not better than, much that had already been shipped and passed by the British authorities. Nothing moved by this appeal, the commissioner re-affirmed his determination to

THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, Dec. 7-8 p.m.

SYNOPSIS.

As anticipated yesterday the ocean storm area quickly developed and high winds and easterly gales have prevailed; the low pressure is now over Cariboo, and although the barometer is rising again along the coast the weather conditions are very unsettled. Rainfall has been chiefly confined to the Straits and Sound. A maximum hourly wind velocity of 52 miles is reported from Fort Canby on the Columbia river.

TEMPERATURES.

	Min. Max.
Victoria	41 52
New Westminster	40 48
Kamloops	38 48
Barkerly	29 34
Calgary	30 40
Winnipeg	18 36
Portland, Ore.	40 51
San Francisco	44 50

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time) Friday:

Victoria and Vicinity—Fresh to strong southeast and west winds; partly fair, with occasional rain.

Lower Mainland—Westerly, winds partly cloudy, with rains.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon, and 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, Dec. 7.

	Dec.	Dec.	
5 a.m.	49	Mean.....	49
Noon	52	Highest.....	52
5 p.m.	47	Lowest.....	47

Average state of weather—Cloudy.

Rain—13 inches.

Sunshine—12 minutes.

Barometer at noon—Observed..... 29.424

Corrected..... 29.406

PASSENGERS.

By steamer Charmer from Vancouver:	
H. F. O'Brien.	A. M. Plakham.
T. S. Gunn.	W. J. Trehewy.
Capt. Robertson.	W. D. Trehewy.
Lt. Tomkinson.	Aid Skinner.
W. Collett.	K. D. Turner.
W. J. Kirby.	F. B. Pemberton.
J. G. Wilson.	Thos. Bradbury.
G. Barber.	Dr. Ernest Hall.
J. Duke.	John Brown.
J. M. Duke.	G. L. Macrell.
Mrs. Taggart.	Mrs. Henone.
E. C. Gumble.	L. Marks.
R. Harvey.	John McTavener.
S. L. Bailey.	Chas. L. Bailey.
R. Jamison.	T. Nordheimer.
J. J. Hatch.	S. S. Taylor.
H. A. Hobson.	Mary Douglas.
Sir C. H. Tupper.	

CONSIGNMENTS.

By steamer Charmer from Vancouver:	
T. N. Hibben & Co.	A. J. Clyde & Co.
G. Hodgeson.	G. Longpre.
Vic. & S. Co.	Agents.
Jno. Weston.	J. McQuade & Son.
Roland Machine.	Thos. Evans.
Geo. Bird.	S. M. Barre.
H. B. Co.	J. Piercy & Co.
J. R. Anderson.	Hetcheson Co. Ltd.
Greenwood & Smith.	W. E. T. Fell.
Dr. Earl.	C. R. King.
Wilson Bros.	S. Loder & Co.
J. Todd & Sons.	J. Shengreen.
S. Shore.	Ino. Colvert.
P. R. Rutherford & Co.	Frank Bros.
Trskine, W. & Co.	W. E. Tel. Co.
W. & Sons Prod. Co.	Lenz & Leder.
Robt. Tomlinson.	R. C. Cooper.
McCandless Bros.	H. Clay.
B. & K. Milling Co.	Chong Hing.
Weller Bros.	F. Galley.
B. C. Elec. Ry.	A. McGregor & Son.
Clarke & Pearson.	W. Bowman.

LIKE A RESURRECTION.

Long Lost Rochester Man Reappears
After Corpse Had Been Identified
and Life Insurance Collected.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 6.—Three years ago Robert Earl disappeared from his home in Rochester and no trace could be found of him. Last September a man was found dead in an ice-house in Rochester, and Mrs. Earl identified the body as that of her husband. The body was buried, and a small amount of insurance placed on Earl's life was collected.

Several days ago a friend of Mrs. Earl when visiting this city met a man who resembled Earl that on his return to Rochester he notified the supposed widow of his discovery. To-day Mrs. Earl came to Buffalo, accompanied by a Rochester detective, and being brought to a police station where the double of the supposed dead man had been summoned, Mrs. Earl also identified him as her husband. A reconciliation took place, and the couple returned to Rochester to night.

Earl's only explanation for his absence is that he did not like his mother-in-law.

BUCKET SHOP CRUSADE.

Stock Exchanges Discuses Means for Suppression of Their Humble Imitators.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—A concerted movement will be made by commercial exchanges all over the country against the bucket shop system. The Chicago board of trade has taken the initiative.

Secretary George Stone has circulated reports of a resolution adopted by the directors calling upon the exchanges of the country to combine against this form of speculation. A number of replies have been received, and each indicates that the feeling against the bucket shops is as strong in other large cities of the country as in Chicago.

The purpose of the anti-bucket shop crusade is to strike at the bottom of the business by securing the aid of the New York stock exchange and the cotton exchange, which, it is said, in conjunction with the Chicago board of trade forms the basis of nearly all the bucket shop operations in the country.

FRENCH VITAL STATISTICS.

Paris, Dec. 6.—There were 843,933 births registered in France during 1898, a decrease of 15,174. The deaths for the same period numbered 810,073, an increase of 59,054 as compared with 1897.

The old man who looks out at the world with clear and healthy eyes cannot help feeling great satisfaction at the thought that his children have inherited from him no weakness nor tendency to disease. The healthy old man is the man who throughout his life kept his digestion good and his blood pure. Not one in a thousand does it. Germans go through the healthy body without a qualm, but the French go through it for them find a weak spot, they will develop for them. Instead of giving strength to the tissues, it will force upon them immaturity, matter, and the man will lose flesh, and the more susceptible he is to disease.

Dr. A. W. Chase's Medical Discovery is the only medicine that absolutely and indefinitely cures all blood diseases, and almost all diseases are blood diseases. It isn't a medicine for some one particular so-called disease. It is a medicine for the whole body. It forces out all the germs of disease, and replaces impurities with rich red blood.

Some Practical Suggestions.

Rev. Mr. Ellison Shows How the West Coast Telegraph May Be Improved.

Its Present Maintenance a Farce So Far as Its First Purpose Is Concerned.

Telegraphic connection with the West Coast is at present securable by way of the Alberni-Cape Beale route, and has been for almost a week past. This is itself a matter of so unusual occurrence as to be entitled to publication as news. The Carmanah signal service wire, which also is maintained by the federal authorities, is dead, as it has been for three-quarters of the time since its construction. From the standpoint justifying their construction—to enable prompt report to be made of shipping mishaps along the hazardous western coast line—both wires have signally demonstrated their utter failure, a very recent illustration being in connection with the disasters to the Hera and the Liberal.

Speaking of the illustration referred to, Rev. W. G. H. Ellison, who takes a very active and intelligent interest in seamen and their cause, says in a talk to the Colonist:

"Each year witnesses an increase in the number of disasters along this dangerous west coast of the Island, and some public attention should be directed to the needs and facilities of escape places at the disposal of shipwrecked people. I was in the local telegraph station on the line running from Cape Beale to Victoria, via Alberni, when the news was flashed along the wire, 'two ships ashore at—'.

"It was then the line went down.

"I said to the lineman, 'You had better go out and fix that wire.'

"His reply was 'It will do in a few days.'

"But, I said, 'there are probably lives and property at stake.'

"'Oh well,' he observed, 'I'll send an Indian out now.'

"The Indian started three days later.

"Now, this government telegraph line, leased, I understand, to the C.P.R., or at all events, operated by that company, is often down for three weeks at a time, when most needed. We have a continually increasing mining traffic and much other dangerous work in progress along the whole length of the western coast. No one envies the lineman his dangerous task in winter, but it is nevertheless the duty of the government to see that the line is kept going, and the right men found to keep it up at all costs."

"Let me suggest that a telephone be fixed in each station, so that in the case of the absence of an operator, news may still be sent when absolutely necessary. I might suggest, too, that the Provincial and Dominion governments combine to cut a four-foot trail along the entire length of the line, which in many places is now dangerous and impassable, so that local foot traffic might be made practicable; that a regular local lineman be appointed for each section, a man who will be ready to face any weather to keep the line going; and should any one station fail, so that it might be possible to carry on foot any important message to the next station."

"The line as at present conducted is almost wholly useless, except to enable a few people to draw salaries."

"A short time since, I had occasion to send a message of importance along the line, which was accepted and paid for at the head office. This message eventually arrived at its destination ten days afterwards, and by a stage, which had received it in a postal letter a week before.

"In cases of emergency, such as of shipwreck, explosion in mines, etc., or of local importance, continually occurring on the increase on the West Coast, could not some effort be made by the authorities to improve the existing condition of affairs?

"Any persons wishing to co-operate in this direction would oblige by adding their names to a petition now in preparation, asking the government to improve the means of communication referred to. This petition may be seen at the Seamen's Mission on Store street."

CANVAS RAFT FOR SOLDIERS.

When Not in Use Water Can be Rolled Up Like a Blanket.

Experiments have just been made in France with a novel raft, designed for the use of soldiers, the inventor of which is Capt. Habert of the Fifteenth Chasseurs.

Fashioned of canvas and stuffed with straw, reeds, rushes or leaves, it is shaped somewhat like a boat. When not in use it can be rolled up like a cloak and can be carried on a saddle or over a man's shoulder. When the time comes to use it can be unrolled and fitted for its work in the water in less than fifteen minutes. It is almost impossible to capsize it. Rings are attached to it and with the help of those who are about to embark easily place it in proper position on the river's bank. Only two openings are visible in the canvas, and these are so tightly laced that water cannot enter.

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In conclusion I would say that "city improvements" should be heartily encouraged and helped along by all concerned, regardless of party or other feeling. A perfect city should be a perfect home, of which the suburbs are the garden, and in all of which each individual should feel an instinctive pride as one family.

Let us forever do away with the necessity of apologizing to our visitors for things not being as up to date as in neighboring cities of later growth. This is a matter for action, not for argument. Let the good work so well begun go on to completion.

Letters to the Editor.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Sir: That usage becomes second nature is the only excuse admissible for Victoria being so far behind the times in necessary improvements, but it is difficult for new-comers to understand how, with such unequalled beauty of landscape, splendid natural drainage and boundless facilities and materials for making it one of the most beautiful and healthiest cities of the world, its people should be willing to splash the even tenor of their way through the mud of ages as though it were their natural heritage.

The tone of a city is best evidenced by the care bestowed upon its public thoroughfares and if it were necessary to shame ourselves into action, I would ask where is there another city of the size, wealth and opportunities of Victoria with gruesome streets and sidewalks?

Is it to be wondered at that so little property finds purchasers, that so few of those who are charmed with a summer visit to Victoria care to settle here, while most of our streets and avenues are undrained in winter and dust in summer?

Except the good work on Government and Fort streets, few of our road-beds are sufficiently crowned to shed water, and many of our main thoroughfares in the heart of the city are a quagmire of leaves, mud and water for several feet on either side, from early fall to late spring; with stone for the using on every hand, yet scarce a gutter in the city worthy the name to carry off surface water.

Our sidewalks are but temporary makeshifts at best, and a serious menace to health.

This state of affairs is inexcusable where so many of the streets are thickly settled. All the road-beds in the city should be well rounded up the full width and finished at either side with a stone gutter not less than three feet wide and laid to grade and edged by a stone and cement or stone coping. This will ensure no standing water, and dry, healthy streets. All sidewalks on business streets and main thoroughfares should be cemented the full width and on residence streets not less than four and one-half feet, leaving space on the outer or both sides for trees or lawn.

If this plan is carried out thoroughly and economically, it will have cost the city less at the end of fifteen years than the present patchwork system.

Only those who have experienced it can realize the stimulus there is to better things in such an example of cleanly, healthy improvement, and it will be in place right here to bear in mind that Victoria stands out as the capital of British Columbia, and as such it becomes us to maintain our precedence by making it, not the first in name only, but the model city for the province whose representatives assemble here.

We are all agreed doubtless that we wish these and similar necessary improvements to be carried out without further delay. The bugbear seems to be to whom all will be benefited, notably the property owner, by the added value and more ready sale of property; the business man, through a saving in horseflesh and vehicles and assured growth of business; the individual in better health, comfort and opportunities for enjoyment.

But why delay the work while we haggle over how the costs shall be met or assessments made? When a very sick person needs attendance do we allow such an one to grow worse while we talk over how the doctor shall be paid before sending for him? Enough that the work is a necessity to the city's welfare, and that the said city is more than equal to the outlay; then let the good work go on.

Meanwhile let those by law, or by the choice of the people so constituted, decide how and when the costs shall be met; and let us bear in mind that it is far easier to raise money for visible improvements than toward promised uncertainties.

In regard to raising funds I would suggest that the superabundance of dogs on our city streets should be made a source of revenue, inasmuch as they are not a necessity, and as every merchant has good cause to know, their manners have not kept pace with modern sanitary requirements.

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